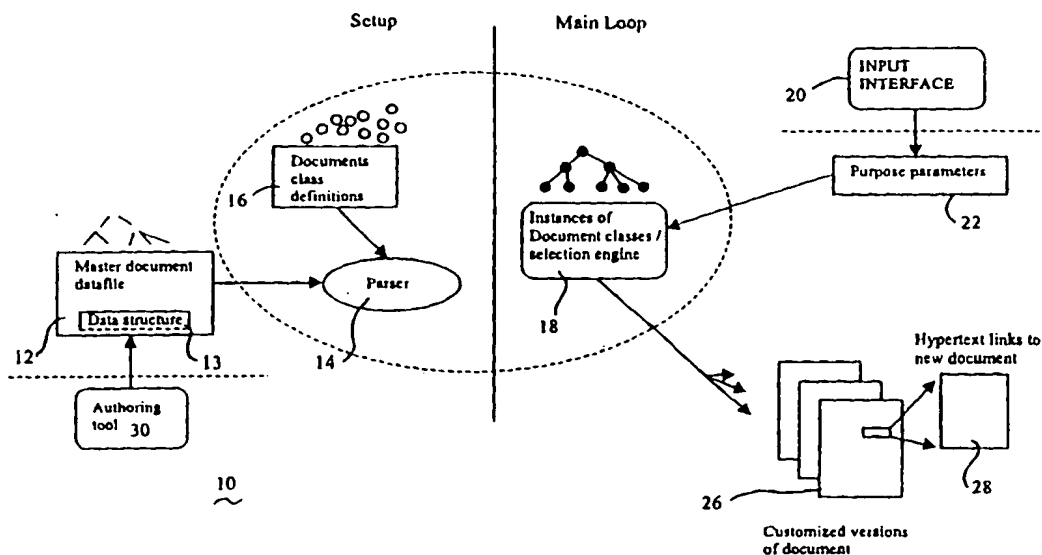




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(57) Abstract

A method and apparatus for generating customizable documents comprising a datafile including a data structure for defining relationships between elements of a document and variations thereof; a parser for reading the datafile and for creating instances of document-class data structures in accordance with general document class definitions; a user input interface for inputting purpose parameters specifying a document variation; a selection engine for utilizing the current values of the purpose parameters for generating customized versions of said document.